(2) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to (1).

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—May I know whether the present Diwan had occasion to inspect the offices of the Heads of Departments?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

President.—Only I visited the offices of the Heads of Departments.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—But Mr. Banerji, while he was Diwan, used to inspect the offices of the Heads of Departments and he also used to take a few clerks from the Huzur with him.

President.—I think he used to inspect only one or two offices.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I want to know whether such inspections take place now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—For the information of the House I may say that, during the time of Mr. Banerji, there was a good deal of reorganisation of Departments, different *Codes* were brought into being. Therefore, he had to go and see how far these different *Codes* were being worked, whether there were any practical difficulties, etc., etc.

President.—So far as I know, he conducted those inspections in the Forest Department, Tramway Department and the Public Works Department. These alone he inspected. I do not think he conducted inspections in any other Departments.

Hot weather charges.

266. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) why Government stopped hot weather charges in public offices;

(2) by whom was this stopped;

(3) was there any special reason for this;

(4) are there wells in public offices where hot weather charges are not sanctioned?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Wherever they were stopped, it was done because it was an unnecessary item of expenditure as there are wells or pipe connections in, or close to, them.

(2) By the Government.

(3) Vide answer to (1).

(4) Vide answer to (1).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—By whom was this stopped? I want to know whether it is the present Diwan who stopped this.

President.—By the ex-Diwan, Mr. Narayana Menon.

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